

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A sliding bearing according to ~~Claim 1~~claim 5, characterized in that the ~~regular uneven configuration comprises~~ grooves and adjacent projections which are formed at a given pitch ~~or an array of openings of a given configuration aligned with each other at a given spacing and is formed over~~ the entire region of the overlay layer or part thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) A sliding bearing according to ~~Claim 1~~claim 5, characterized in that the overlay layer comprises PAI resin or PI resin added with a combination of one or more of MoS₂, graphite, BN-~~(boron nitride)~~, WS₂ ~~(tungsten disulfide)~~, PTFE-~~(polytetrafluoroethylene)~~, fluorinated resin, and Pb and the bearing alloy layer comprises a copper-bearing alloy or aluminum-bearing alloy.

5. (New) A sliding bearing comprising a bearing alloy layer and an overlay layer comprising a solid lubricant and a resin provided on the bearing alloy layer, the bearing alloy layer having a flat surface with a fine roughness in contact with the overlay layer and the overlay layer having a regular uneven configuration comprising spiral grooves and adjacent spiral annular projections formed along a circumferential direction of the sliding bearing, the grooves having the same shape and depth and the annular projections having the same

shape and height so that the configuration of the overlay layer at each annular projection is uniform.